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IN THE CNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

CIVIL ACTION 6049 Frnancial Systems, Inc In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned. SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS: (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()(b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. (c) Arbitration - Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2 (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ()

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JOSEPH AMICI,	11 6049				
Plaintiff					
V.) Case No.:				
NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.,) COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR				
Defendant) JURY TRIAL				
Defendant) (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)				
COM	MPLAINT				
JOSEPH AMICI ("Plaintiff"), by his	attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges				
the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC. ("Defendant"):					
INTRO	DDUCTION				
1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15					
U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").					
JURISDICTI	ON AND VENUE				
2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states					
that such actions may be brought and heard b	refore "any appropriate United States district court				
without regard to the amount in controversy,	" and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants this court original				
jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under th	a layer of the United States				

Defendant conducts business and has an office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).

5. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Hammonton, New Jersey, 08037.
- 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with corporate headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road in Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044.
- 9. Defendant is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

11. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA") is a comprehensive statute, which prohibits a catalog of activities in connection with the collection of debts by third parties.

See 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. The FDCPA imposes civil liability on any person or entity that violates its provisions, and establishes general standards of debt collector conduct, defines abuse, and provides for specific consumer rights. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k. The operative provisions of the FDCPA declare certain rights to be provided to or claimed by debtors, forbid deceitful and misleading practices, prohibit harassing and abusive tactics, and proscribe unfair or unconscionable conduct, both generally and in a specific list of disapproved practices.

- 12. In particular, the FDCPA broadly enumerates several practices considered contrary to its stated purpose, and forbids debt collectors from taking such action. The substantive heart of the FDCPA lies in three broad prohibitions. First, a "debt collector may not engage in any conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse any person in connection with the collection of a debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692d. Second, a "debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e. And third, a "debt collector may not use unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692f. The FDCPA is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous collectors, whether or not there exists a valid debt, broadly prohibits unfair or unconscionable collection methods, conduct which harasses, oppresses or abuses any debtor, and any false, deceptive or misleading statements in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 13. In enacting the FDCPA, the United States Congress found that "[t]here is abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors," which "contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." 15 U.S.C. § 1692a. Congress additionally found existing laws and procedures for redressing debt collection injuries to be inadequate to protect consumers. 15 U.S.C. § 1692b.
- 14. Congress enacted the FDCPA to regulate the collection of consumer debts by debt collectors. The express purposes of the FDCPA are to "eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 15. At all relevant times, Defendant was attempting to collect an alleged consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 16. The alleged debt at issue arose out of transactions, which were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 17. Plaintiff had a credit card account with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service ("AAFES").
- 18. On or around January 6, 2011, AAFES sent a letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged past due debt of \$5,790.68. See Exhibit A, the January 6, 2011, letter, from AAFES.
- 19. AAFES informed Plaintiff that if he did not pay the alleged debt or take action within sixty (60) days that the debt may be assigned to a contracted private collection agency.

 See Exhibit A.
- 20. If the debt was assigned to a private collection agency, AAFES stated that "an additional collection fee of 25%, plus a Debt Management Service (DMS) fee of 3%," would be added. See Exhibit A.
- 21. Upon receiving the letter from AAFES, on February 14, 2011, and February 19, 2011, Plaintiff sent correspondence to AAFES requesting validation of the alleged debt, including a breakdown of the charges, payments, interest and late fees on the account.
- 22. Thereafter, on or about March 15, 2011, AAFES sent Plaintiff correspondence, providing him a billing statement showing the amount of the alleged debt as \$5,790.68, although Defendant claimed Plaintiff owed \$5,941.39. See Exhibit B, the March 15, 2011, letter, from AAFES.
 - 23. Additionally, Plaintiff learned that his account had been placed with Defendant

for collection.

- 24. Thereafter, Plaintiff contacted Defendant and was informed that Defendant was adding an additional \$1,700.00 in collection fees to Plaintiff's alleged debt, now making the amount of the alleged debt more than \$7,600.00.
- 25. Plaintiff disputed that amount of the alleged debt and requested verification of the alleged debt, including a breakdown of the charges, payments, interest and late fees on the account.
- 26. Defendant informed Plaintiff that he was not entitled to any itemized breakdown and that he should speak with AAFES to validate the alleged debt.
- 27. Then, on or about April 6, 2011, Defendant sent Plaintiff a letter responding to his "inquiry" regarding the account with AAFES and attached an unsigned credit program application, two billing statements, and a Notice of Intent to Offset to Collect Delinquent debt, none of which included an itemized breakdown of charges on the account. See Exhibit C, Defendant's April 6, 2011, letter.
- 28. Defendant claimed that the alleged debt was now \$7,629.66, but provided no explanation of how it arrived at that balance. See Exhibit C.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Defendant sought to collect more than 28% in collection fees from Plaintiff.
- 30. Then, on May 2, 2011, AAFES sent a letter to Plaintiff advising that the amount of the alleged debt was \$6,109.73. See Exhibit D, the May 2, 2011, letter, from AAFES.
- 31. Upon information and belief, Defendant sought to collect an amount which Plaintiff did not owe.
 - 32. Further, Defendant sought to collect an amount more than the agreement creating

the alleged debt.

- 33. Upon information and belief, Defendant was trying to coerce Plaintiff into paying additional fees in connection with the collection of the alleged debt that were not expressly authorized through the initial agreement.
- 34. Defendant intended to harass, confuse and deceive Plaintiff to secure his cooperation by any means necessary.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPLICABLE LAW

- 35. The FDCPA is a strict liability statute. <u>Taylor v. Perrin, Landry, deLaunay & Durand</u>, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." <u>Russell v. Equifax A.R.S.</u>, 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); <u>see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp.</u> 233 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status violated FDCPA); <u>Clomon v. Jackson</u>, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).
- 36. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 et seq., is a remedial statute, it should be construed liberally in favor of the consumer." Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir. 2002).
- 37. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the "least sophisticated" consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc.,

869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not "made for the protection of experts, but for

the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced." Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 38. In its actions to collect a disputed debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Defendant violated the FDCPA generally;
 - b. Defendant violated §1692e of the FDCPA by using false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of a debt;
 - c. Defendant violated §1692e(2) of the FDCPA by falsely representing the character, amount, or legal status of any debt;
 - d. Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA by using unfair and unconscionable means with Plaintiff to collect or attempt to collect a debt;
 - e. Defendant violated §1692f(1) of the FDCPA by collecting any added fees, charges and expenses not expressly authorized by an agreement with Plaintiff; and

case.

f. Defendant acted in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failed to comply with the FDCPA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, JOSEPH AMICI, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual compensatory damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- b. Statutor y damages of \$1,000.00 for the violation of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1693k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, JOSPEH AMICI, demands a jury trial in this

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DATED: KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C.

By: (TK3654

Craig Thor Kimmel
Attorney ID # 57100

Kimmel & Silverman, P.C.

30 E. Butler Pike Ambler, PA 19002

Phone: (215) 540-8888 Fax: (877) 788-2864

Email: <u>kimmel@creditlaw.com</u>



Statement of Account

Account Summary	
Previous Balance	\$5,705.66
Finance Charges	\$85.99
Adjustments	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Payments	-\$0.97
New Balance	\$5,790.68
Current Due	\$5,790.68

Biling Date Account # Days in Cycle 05 January 2011 0583 31

BALANCE IS DUE IMMEDIATELY!

Contact Information

For questions concerning your account call: Toll Free number 1-800-654-4074.

Written correspondence address:

Army Air Force Exchange Service ATTN: FA-T/C P.O. Box 660056 Dallas, TX 75266-0056 Fax: (214) 465-2261 E-mail: collections@aafes.com

include your full name and last four digits of your Social Security number.

For a CCCS location near you please see "Important Notices" for online information.

Your account has been transferred to our Collections Department. The balance is due in full. This has impacted your account privileges.

See Important Notices section for details.

Keep Top Portlan for your records - Send Bottom with Payment - Address changes on back of coupon

BALANCE IS DUE

Account # New Balance Total Due Balance Due NOW \$5,790.68 \$5,790.68

JOSEPH M AMICI

Payment Due NOW

Please make payment to: Army Air Force Exchange Service Please Include the last four digits of your Social Security Number

Army & Air Force Exchange Services ATTN: FA-T/C P.O. Box 650038 Dallas, TX 75265-0038



REQUIRED NOTIFICATION: Before we submit your debt to the U.S. Treasury, we are required to tell you under the provision of 31 U.S.C. \$3711(e)(1) that:

- You may inspect and copy records related to your debt by sending a written request to us. No on-site inspection is available. We will send
 you those records that we reasonably believe describe the basis of your debt. Should you request records in addition to those we provide,
 we will handle your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act and there may be a charge as permitted by law
 and regulation.
- You may ask for a review of our determination of the debt by sending a written request to us. This review is limited to whether your debt is
 valid based upon information available to us. It does not include your disagreement with the legal authority to collect this debt or whether
 you have the ability to pay the debt.
- You may enter into a written repayment agreement acceptable to us. See Response to Debt Notice on page 3.

TO AVOID YOUR DEBT TO BEING REFERRED FOR COLLECTION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, you must do one of the following within 60 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER:

- * REPAY YOUR ENTIRE DEBT: To repay your debt, send a check or money order, payable to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, for the full amount that you owe to the address on the Response to Debt Notice on page 3.
- AGREE TO A REPAYMENT PLAN: If you are unable to pay your debt in full, you must sign and return the attached Response to Debt Notice agreeing to a repayment plan acceptable to AAFES and make payments required in the repayment plan. Interest and penalties will continue to accrue on your debt until it is paid in full. Please contact AAFES at 1-800-654-4074 or (214) 312-6014 or by fax at (214) 312-6504 if you have any questions.
- REQUEST A REVIEW: If you believe that all or part of the debt is not past due or legally enforceable, you must send evidence to support your
 position to the address listed below. We will inform you in writing of our decision about your debt. Our determination is final unless your debt is subject
 to a collection procedure entitling you to a hearing. You will be notified separately if a hearing is available to you.

BANKRUPTCY: If you have filed for bankruptcy, you must notify us immediately by sending a copy of the bankruptcy petition and a list of creditors to the address listed below. You may also fax this information to the following number: (214) 312-4033.

FALSE STATEMENTS: If you make or provide knowingly false or frivolous statements, representations, or evidence, you may be fiable for penalties under the False Claims Act (31_U.S.C. 55_3729-3731), or other applicable statutes and/or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 55_286,287,1001, and 1002, or other applicable statutes.

<u>REFUNDS:</u> Unless prohibited by law or contract, we will promptly refund to you any amounts paid by you or deducted from your payment for your debt which are later waived or found not owed to the United States.

<u>IF YOU FILE A JOINT INCOME TAX RETURN:</u> You should obtain Form 8379, Injured Spouse Claim and Allocation, before filing your return. The instructions will explain the steps your spouse may take to obtain his or her share of your joint income tax refund.

FORM 1099-C: If all or part of your debt is closed out by us at any point, the amount of that debt may be treated as income to you and we will submit FORM 1099-C to the IRS.

IF YOU ARE OR BECOME A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE: You will be identified as owing a debt to the United States and may be subject to CSO if your debt is submitted to Cross Servicing. You will receive a separate notice concerning pending salary offset, including your right to a hearing if this occurs.

If you have any questions about this letter or your rights, you should contact AAFES immediately at (214)312–6014 or fax (214)312–6504. The toll free number is: 1–800–654–4074 (USA). Internet ID is: collections@aafes.com. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 0730 to 1700 Central Standard time.

Please send any inquiries along with copies of supporting documents to:

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Attn: FA-T/R~CA P.O. Box 660056 Dallas, TX 75266-0056

Questions concerning bankruptcy only should be directed to (214) 312–6069, toll free 1–800–381–9883 (USA) or GCBankruptcy@aafes.com.

If you have filed for bankruptcy, please send inquiries along with copies of supporting documents to:

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Attn: GC-G8R P.O. Box 650062 Dallas. TX 75265-9505

Sincerely.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Collection Department

RESPONSE TO DEBT NOTICE

JOSEPH M AMICI	
08037	
	Please make any address corrections above
Account Number: *	
Past-due debt owed to AAFES; \$ 5,790.68 Minimum acceptable monthly installment payr Note: The minimum monthly payment amount does not reflect any future interest, penalty APR or already defaulted on a prior payment plan, the full amount is due, The minimum acceptable mont accepted but the account will be submitted to TOP.	penalty fees we may add to your account. If you have
Please complete the applicable sections of this form and submit it along with any payment to:	
Army & Air Force Exchange Service A ttn: FA-T/R-CA P.O. Box 650038 Dallas, TX 75265-0038	
Amount of payment enclosed: \$	
It you are submitting a partial payment. I agree to make regular monthly payments in the is paid in full, and I am aware that interest and penalties will be assessed monthly on the I default on this or any prior payment plan, the full amount will be due and the account w	e remaining balance. I also understand that if
Please provide a daytime telephone number (including area code) so that we can contact you ab	out the information you have provided:
Signature " Date	
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Notice to Customers Making Payment by Check

Authorization to Convert Your Check: If you provide us a check to make your payment, your check will be converted into an electronic fund transfer. "Electronic fund transfer" is the term used to refer to the process in which we electronically instruct your financial institution to transfer funds from your account to our account, rather than processing your check. By providing your completed, signed check to us, you authorize us to copy your check and to use the account information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer from your account for the same amount as the check. If the electronic fund transfer cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy of your check.

Insufficient Funds: The electronic fund transfer from your account will usually occur within 24 hours, which is faster than a check is normally processed. Therefore, make sure there are sufficient funds available in your checking account when you send us your check. If the electronic fund transfer cannot be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer up to two additional times [and we will charge you a one-time fee of \$25.00, which we will also collect by electronic fund transfer].

Transaction Information: The electronic fund transfer from your account will be on the account statement you receive from your financial institution. However, the transfer may be in a different place on your statement than the place where your checks normally appear. For example, it may appear under "other withdrawals" or "other transactions." You will not receive your original check back from your financial institution. For security reasons, we will destroy your original check, but we will keep a copy of the check for record keeping purposes.

Your Rights: You should contact your financial institution immediately if you believe that the electronic fund transfer reported on your account statement was not properly authorized or is otherwise incorrect. Consumers have protections under a Federal law called the Electronic Fund Transfer Act for an unauthorized or incorrect electronic fund transfer.

Privacy Act – A Privacy Act Statement required by 5 U.S.C. 8 552a(e)(3) stating our authority for soliciting and collecting the information from your check, and explaining the purposes and routine uses which will be made of your check information, is available from our internet site at http://www.pcc.gov. Furnishing the check information is voluntary, but a decision not to do so may require you to make payment by some other method.



EXCHANGE

Army & Air Force Exchange Service ATTN: FA-T/E P.O. Box 660056 Dallas, TX 75266-0056 (214) 312-6014 Toll Free: 1-800-654-4074

March 15, 2011

JOSEPH M AMICI

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Dear Mr. Mamici:

This letter is in response to your request for Proof-of-Debt and/or other documentation regarding your Military Star Card debt in the Collections Department of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES). Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1. Application
- 2. Statement indicating your last purchase
- 3. Statement indicating your last payment
- 4. Statement indicating your balance before your account was moved to collection status
- 5. Our collection "Notice of Intent to Offset" letter

When mailing your payment, please include your full name and last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) to ensure your payment is posted in a timely manner. Our payment mailing address is:

Army & Air Force Exchange Service Attn: FA-F/C P.O. Box 650038 Dallas, Texas 75265-0038

Your current balance due, including administration fees, is \$ 5,941.39 through today. If you have any questions regarding your debt, you may contact us at the numbers listed above, send an email to collections@aafes.com, or send a fax to 214-465-2261.

Sincerely,

Sarara Bedioa

Sandra Bedison Collections Manager AAFES Collections



NCO Financial System, Inc. 5626 Frantz Road Dublin, OH 43017 PH #: 800-824-9392

191381214 M 5856 GOVA April 6, 2011

JOSEPH M AMICI

RE:

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SVC

Our Account#:

24327541

Creditor's Account#: 191381214 M Current Balance Due: \$ 7629.66

JOSEPH MAMICI:

In response to your inquiry regarding the above-referenced account, enclosed please find the materials we received that correspond to the above-referenced account.

Please contact our office if you have any further questions or concerns. You can reach us directly at 800-824-9392.

Sincerely,

NCO Financial Systems, Inc.

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This is a communication from a debt collector. Calls to or from this company may be monitored or recorded for quality assurance. All check payments received grant us the right to process the check electronically. Also, your returned check may be collected electronically if it is returned for insufficient or uncollected funds. Office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 5:00pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00

Your account balance may be periodically increased due to the addition of accrued interest or other charges as provided in the agreement with the original creditor or as otherwise provided by federal and/or state law.





CREDIT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please complete this application in its entirety to ensure timely processing of your "Military Star TM" card. Information about sponsor:

ype of Plan		
☑Retail ☑Military Clothing (Army, A	ir Force, Marine Corps Only)	
	——APPLICANT INFORMAT	TION
Application Date:		
Branch of Service	Status Code	
В	R	_
Name Joseph M. Amici	SSN	Pay Grade
		(MMOD/YYYY)
Home Phone	Work Phone	ETS/EAOS Date
Mailing Address Address Line 1 -		
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		otions or offers. We do not self or rent our
cust	omers' information to any outside comp	eany or organization.
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Statement of Account

Account Summary	
Previous Balance Purchases	\$4,873.70
Finance Charges	\$716.11 \$45.38
Adjustments	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Payments Last payme	ect \$0.00 -\$0.97
New Balance	\$5,634.22

Payment Past Due \$252.03 Current Minimum Due \$157.00 **Total Minimum Payment Due** \$409.03 Payment Due Date 05 October 2010

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by your "Payment Due Date" and you become 60 days past due (90 days after the closing date of the billing cycle), your account becomes delinquent and your APR may increase to 18.24%.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For Evample:

roi example;		
If you make no additional charges using this card and each month you pay:	You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about:	And you will end up paying an estimated total of:
*Calculated Minimum Payment Due	4 Year(s)	\$6,908.00
\$182.44	3 Years	\$6,567.69 (Savings = \$340.31)

^{*}Please refer to the Important Notices section of your statement for more information.

Billing Date 05 September 201 Account # 0070 Days in Cycle Credit Limits: Retail Credit Limit \$7,750.0 Retail Available Credit \$2,115.7

Military Clothing Credit Limit \$500.C Military Clothing Available Credit \$500.C

Contact Information

For questions concerning your account, or if vo would like information about credit counseling services, call Toll Free 1-877-891-7827 for 24/ account access visit us online at www.aafes.com.

For a CCCS location near you please see "Important Notices" for online information.

To chat online, view, manage and pay your account, online, click on "ECP Exchange Credit Program" and login using your MILITARY STAR® account number.

Your account is past due 2 payments.

This has impacted your account privileg Please see Important Notices section details. To bring your account up to date a restore your privileges, please call us to disc your options.

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Payment amount Please make payment to:

Exchange Credit Program

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Statement of Account

Account Summa	Dry	
Previous Balance Finance Charges Adjustments Miscellaneous Payments	last purchase	\$5,705.66 \$85.99 \$0.00 \$0.00 -\$0.97
New Balance Current Due		\$5,790.68 \$5,790.68

Billing Date Account # Days in Cycle

05 January 20 0070 (

BALANCE IS DUE IMMEDIATELY!

Contact Information

For questions concerning your account call: Free number 1-800-654-4074.

Written correspondence address:

Army Air Force Exchange Service ATTN: FA-T/C

P.O. Box 660056 Dallas, TX 75266-0056 Fax: (214) 465-2261

E-mail: collections@aafes.com

Include your full name and last four digits your Social Security number.

For a CCCS location near you please see "Important Notices" for online information.

Your account has been transferred our Collections Department. The balance is due in full: This has impacted your account privileges See Important Notices section f details.

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BALANCE IS DUE IMMEDIATELY!

Account #
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Payment Due NOW

Please make payment to: Army Air Force Exchange Service Please include the last four digits of your Social Security Number

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Army & Air Force Exchange Services ATTN: FA-T/C P.O. Box 650038 Dallas, TX 75265-0038





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NOTICE OF INTENT TO OFFSET TO COLLECT DELINQUENT DEBT

RE: Past due debt owed to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; \$ 5,790.68

Debt Description:	Military Star	\$	5,790.68	Delinquent Date	Interest Rate 18.24%
	Deferred Payment Plan	Š	.00		
	Military Clothing	Ś	.00		
	Returned Check(s)	S	.00		
	Travel, Salary, Other	\$.08		
	Catalog Sales	S	.00		
	Civil Recovery	\$.00		
	Home Layaway/THT	\$.00		
	Insurance/Prom. Notes	\$	-00		
	Rental Agreements	\$.00		

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) records indicate you have an outstanding debt(s). For Military Starl, Take it Home Today, or Uniform Clothing Deferred Payment Plan debt, we will charge a variable monthly penalty APR, as applicable by the Terms and Conditions. For all other debt types, we will charge a one-time administrative fee and monthly interest and penalty fees as authorized by laws and regulations. These fees will accrue on your billing date based on the simple interest calculation of your daily principal balance. If you do not pay your debt or agree to the voluntary repayment agreement (refer to page 3) by (08 MAR 2011), we may refer your account to the Treasury Offset Program and/or take other collection action as authorized by law.

AAFES: If you do not pay your debt or take other action described below within 60 days from the date of this letter.

- We may assign your debt to a contracted private collection agency (PCA) and an additional 26% effective yield rate collection fee will be added to your outstanding debt. Your debt may also be submitted for administrative wage garnishment (AWG) by the PCA.
- We may submit your debt for collection to the U.S. Department of Treasury (U.S. Treasury) Cross Servicing Program (Cross Servicing) or the Treasury
 Offset Program (TOP).
- We may report information about your debt to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments, or other defaults on your debt may be reflected in your credit report.

CROSS SERVICING: if your debt is submitted to Cross Servicing, U.S. Treasury may collect your debt by any of the following means:

PRIVATE COLLECTION AGENCY (PCA): Your dobt may be assigned to a PCA contracted by the U. S. Treasury with an additional collection fee of 25%, plus a Dobt Management Service (DMS) fee of 3%.

Treasury Offset Program (TOP) (see below)

CENTRALIZED SALARY OFFSET (CSO) or ADMINISTRATIVE WAGE GARNISHMENT (AWG)

Referral to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DoJ) for litigation

TREASURY OFFSET PROGRAM (TOP): 'If your debt is submitted to the TOP by either AAFES or the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Treasury will reduce or withhold any of your eligible Federal payments by the amount of your debt. This process, known as "offset," is authorized by the Debt Collection Act of 1992 and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 as amended. Since AAFES is an instrumentality of the federal government, there is no statute of imilitations for collection through the Treasury Offset Program. You may not receive another notice after this one before funds due you from the federal government are offset under TOP.

Federal payments eligible for TOP offset include:

- your (ederal and state income tax refunds (see additional information below);
- your Federal Salary pay, including milliary pay (see additional information attached);
- your Federal retirement, including military retirement pay;
- your contractor/vendor payments;
- certain Federal benefit payments, such as Social Security (other than Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement (other than tier 2) and black Lung (part B) benefits; and
- other Federal payments, including certain loans to you, that are not exempt from offset.

RESPONSE TO DEBT NOTICE .

O8037 Account Number: Past-due debt owed to AAFES: \$ 5.790.68 Minimum acceptable monthly installment payment; \$	Please make any address corrections above
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Please provide a daylime telephone number (including area code) so that we can contact you about the	normation you have provided:
Signature * Date	
* Signature Required on Partial Payments.	



Statement of Account

Account Summary	
Previous Balance Purchases Finance Charges Adjustments Miscellaneous	of transterred \$ \$5,790.68 Collections \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00
Payments	\$0.00
New Balance	\$0.00
Payment Past Due	\$0.00
Current Minimum Due	\$0.00
Total Minimum Payment Due	\$0.00
Payment Due Date	05 March 2011

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Account #	007C	
Days in Cycle	Ul	
Credit Limits:		
Retail Credit Limit	\$0.00	
Retail Available Credit	\$0.00	
Military Clothing Credit Limit	\$0.00	
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Contact Information

For questions concerning your account, or if you would like information about credit counseling services, call Toll Free 1-877-891-7827 for 24/7 account access visit us online at www.mitexch.com.

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Account # 0070

New Balance \$0.

Total Minimum Payment Due \$0.

Payment Due Date 05 March 20

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DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY & AIR FORCE Headquarters Army & Air Force Exchange Service Deliss, Texas 75268-0202



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Debt Type

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TOF Account Number 6,109,73 Current Balance 6,109.73 Minimum Payment Due

Current month transactions for account

DESCRIPTION	A	AMOUNT	
Previous Balance New Debt Added Personal Payment TOP Offset Payroll Deduction Interest Administrative Fee Penalty Refund Account Adjustment	****	5,942.36 .00 1.94 .00 .00 169.31 .00	
CURRENT BALANCE	\$	6,109.73	

MinImum Payment Due: \$

6,109.73

Payment may be made by check or money order made payable to AAFES for the amount due. Please see attached Notice to Customers Making Payment by Check. You may make your payment by mail or at an AAFES exchange only.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Interest is charged at an annual rate for a Annual Percentage Rate (ARP) for Military Star accounts and the Treasury, Tax and Loan (TT&L) rate for all others. This rate is determined by the delinquency date of your account. Penalties are assessed at an annual rate of 6%. An administrative fee of \$25.00 is assessed to each debt to cover the processing and handling costs.

* Debt type:

E0 - Military Star

E3 - Returned Check(s)

E6 - Rejected Credit Cards or Civil Recovery

E8 - Insurance or Medical Services

E1 - DPP ...

E4 - Travel and Salary Advance

E7 - Home Layaway Élan

E9 - Rental Agreements

E2 - Military.Clothing......

E5 - Catalog Sales

Please mail your inquiries to:

ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

ATTN: FA-T/R-CA

P.O. BOX 660056

Dallas, Texas 75266-0056

Telephone:

Commercial: (214) 312-6014

Toll Free: 1-800-654-4074 (U.S. only)

OR

Mail payments to:

ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE ATTN: FA-T/C

P.O. BOX 650038

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